ALL SPECULATURS APPEAR TO BE AT SEA

Reither Bull Nor Boar is Inclined to Be Aggressive, but the Undertone in Developing Strength.

Office of The Post.

Houston, Friday, December 2.

Everybody in the speculative world seems
to be perfectly at see so far as cotton is concerned. Receipts, weather and crop estimates are all figured into the market. When Laverpool is expected to advance it declines and when it is looked to for a decline it closes unchanged or at a prantical advance. The situation is nervous. The bulls are confident and so are the bears. At the same time neither side is aggressive. They figure on receipts and estimates and then hesitate. The market needs a leader or a combined ef-

tort to drag it up on a higher plane of values, No one for a moment will not agree to the statement that cotton is selling too cheap, but continued investment buying is needed. Liverpool today showed a little better undorione on futures, though spots were un chamged, buyers asking and getting conces-sions.

New York advanced all spot quotations 1-16

and New Orleans put up good middling i-le and middling fair lec. In the review of the into sight and visible liester's report gives all statistics and com-parisons, which explain themselves. Futures in New York and New Orleans as

from a point off to unchanged. As compared with last Friday, New York is up 11 to 12 points and 6 to 7 points, which is a good gain considering the conditions.

Houston expects tomorrow 17,800 to 18,300 against 13,339 last year and 14,489 in 1894. New Orleans expoots 15,000 to 16,009, agains 15,681 last year and 7285 in 1894.

Hunter & Co.'s Cotton Letter. W. Hunter & Co. say of today's cotto market: Despite Liverpool's disinctination t follow the advance, that market being down a small spot business, our markets after point or two decline advanced 6 points, the steam left under the market from yesterday point or two decline advanced 6 points, the steam left under the market from yesterday easily sending the prices up. Buying orders were sent from this side to biverpool and that market was clozed at '9-6id advance. Unset tider weather and almost an outlie absence of sellers were the builtsh features tand buying orders could be filled only at advancing prices. The high point reached was just 19 points above the lowest of yesterday in New York and 9 points in New Orleans. At this highest level the buying power seemed for the moment exhausted and the market cased off under realizing by scalpers who took the builting securing and this morning, the close being the same as yesterday to a point lower. It seems that Furopean spinners have satisfied their wants for the present and any further advance must be engineered from this side, where spinners have not yet secured their mare of cotten. Excellent investment buying continues as a strong built feature but speculation is almost entirely absent from the market, the buying coming from Western and Eastern capitallais, the South as a rile continuing bearinh and refusing to take the built side in a way that would be felt. The amount coming late sight was about as expected and the total is now 29,000 ahead of last year, but there are very few people in the trade who do not think that this crop has been more rapidly marketed than was last year's.

Cargill & Richardson's Circular. Cargill & Richardson may of cotton: Pro-fessional operators in cotton who, as a rule, try to take the opposite side of the market to the general speculative public, are now apparently following in their wake. Ring scalpers watch carefully those of the brokers with large outside clientele, and trail along, well knowing that if one house is a good buyer others will soon be following the tide of speculation. Today we had a scalping market in a fair range. Laverpool started bad, being at one time 1-644 lower, but advanced with New York after the latter's opening casing barely 15-64d higher than yesterday. New York opened quiet, declined a couple of New York opened quiet, declined a couple of points, then advanced quite sharply on buyleg by New Orleans and outsiders. During the last hour prices weakened, closing unchanged to I point lower in New York and New Or-leans.

Total port receipts for the week 332,586, against 584,050 last year and 359,440 in 1884. Houston's receipts for the week were 125,489, against 96,471 last year. The amount into sight for the week was 530,847, against 526,338 last year and 544,571 in 1894. We are now about 300,000 bales ahead of last year. We look for a scalping market in cotton, with prices tending to a higher level with bad weather, but toward a lower level with clear, open weather. Spots 1-16c up in New York.

New York Cotton Market. New York, December 2.—The situation, a numed up before the opening of the market thday, favored the bear faction and the geeral opinion prevailed that prices would ope appointment. The crop movement promisto fulfill the early estimates, while weath reports, public and private, were quite favo abis to harvesting operations. Foreign houses were known to be in possession of quite generous selling orders and leading bears showed a disposition to pursue an aggressive policy. Or ening developments brought out unexpected resistance on the part of the market to a decline. For a few minutes little change was made, the selling pressure from abroad satisfying initial buying orders in hand. Shorts became frightened, however, by unexpected apport from the South, local commission houses and local bulls, and soon became the most active buyers. January shorts in particular were sent to buying, causing relative wermness in this particular delivery. Is the afterneon speculation dragged considerably, but, taken all in all, friends of the stuple were very much sneouraged by the interest manifested on the part of outsiders, most especially houses with Wall street connections, the close was barely steady at unchanged prices to 1 point not decline, the market having broken in the last few minutes under realizing and a best couset. able to harvesting operations, Foreign houses

Chronicle's Weather Reports.

(Special Dispatch to The Post.)

New York. December 2.—The Commercial of Financial Chronicle mys: Our advices by elegraph from the South this evening indicate that rain has fallen in most districts for the week and that in consequence the subgring of the crop has been somewhat incitives with. Picking is nearing completion a a number of sections. The marketing of the crop continues very free.

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Comparative Spot Markos.

The following are the closing quotations for cotton on the spot today at the leading markets, together with the closing of middling yesterday, with today's sales:

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Comparative Cotton Statement.
New York, December 2.—Comparative cotton statement for the week ending today:

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Net receipts at all U. S. ports. 292,896

Same week last year 294,000

Total receipts to this date 4,368,921

Same date last year 4037,252

Experts for the week 311,336

Same week last year 271,625

Total experts to this date 2,202,159

Same date last year 3,336,135

Same time last year 1,250,356

Same time last year 1,250,561

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the movement into sight compared with the seven days ending this date last year, in round figures, of 4100; for the ninety-three days of the meason that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the ninety-three days of last year 200,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 530,317, against 524,235 for the seven days ending this date last year. Three make a total movement for the ninety-three days from september 1 to date 5,445,22, atainst 5.445,985 last year. The movement since September 1 shows receipts at United States ports of 4.581,323, against 4,073,725 last year; overland across the Mississippl. Onto and Potomac rivers to Northern milis and Canada, 412,984, against 489,977 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 583,311, against 523,333 last year; Southern mill takings, 369, 679, against 322,803 last year. Foreign exports for the week have been 318,666, against 383,341 last year, making the total thus far for the season 2,515,765, against 2,660,447 last year, an increase of 253,338.

Nerthern mill takings during the past seven days show a decrease of 25,518 as compared with the corresponding period last year. The total takings of American mills, North-South and Canada, thus far for the season have been 1,074,019, against 1,491,491 last year. These include 856,778 by Northern spinners, against 219,960.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 67,678 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last year. These include 856,778 by Northern spinners, against 2,566,452 for the same period last year. Special Note-Hereafter light weight round bales will be counted as half bales. The movement to date has been adjusted to counted to the agent of the movement to date has been adjusted to counted to the same period last year.

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Fruits are in only moderate demand. However, with small stocks at initial points, the

tone is firm. Produce men, unless future receipts should be excessive, expect to work off the poultry

supply next week. In grain and hay the movement is only moderate. Orders are numerous enough, but the volume is restricted, buyers purchasing

The undertone to the coffee market is res sonably firm on advices from the East.

HIDES, WOOL AND BEESWAY.

Prices paid by Houston dealers: | Per por | Per

SUGAR.

New York, December 2.—Sugar—Raw steady at a decline; fair redning 315-16; centrifugal, 95 test, 47-16; molasses sugar 3 11-16; sales 5000 bags centrifugal, 96 test, at 4 7-16, and 9200 bags Cuba centrifugal, 96 test, at 4 7-16 fair yesterday, but just reported. Hedned nominal, tending downward.

New Orienna, December 2.—Sugar quiet; oren kettle 34(325); open kettle centrifugal 25,64; constrifugal, white 47-166/46; yellow 471-5-16; seconds 25,631. Molasses stady; open kettle 20630; centrifugal 5018; syrup leady, 23626.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Dull Trading in Wheat Coused a Decline in December and May Options.

NORTHWESTERN RECEIPTS STILL HEAVY

The Wheat Pit Was Excessively Dall Toward the Close-Corn Lost Its Burly Firmness.

Chicago, December 2.-The result of an exceedingly dull day's trading in wheat was a decline of \$4c in May and \$40 5c in Decemvisions closed slightly lower.

The early news concerning wheat rather tended to curb the enthusiasm of the bulls, who looked forward to another day of profit. May started a shade higher at 61%4766%, but there were plenty of small fry sellers at those figures and the price immediately dropped to 68% (2005), where it hung for a time. In spite of the very substantial advance here yester-day Liverpool was only slightly higher at the opening and all the advance was lost before trading commenced here.

Northwest receipts continued heavy, Min-

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STATISTICAL SPITUATION.

The Visible Supply Is Already Nearly Healt a SHIllon Bales—The Into Sight is 5,747,822 Bales.

New Orleans, December 2.—Secretary Healt is a statement of the world's visible supply of cetton, made up from special cable and telegraphic advices, compares the figures of this week with last week and last year. It shows an increase for the week just closed of 259,181, against an increase of 250,820 last year.

The total visible is 4,520,000, against 4,235,876 last week and 3,482,400 last year. Of this the total of American cetton is 4,382,000, against 1,125,876 last week and 3,482,400 last year.

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Short ribs, 100 lbs—
Pecember 4.4215 4.4715 4.4225 4.4715
January 4.6715 4.70 4.85 4.53
May 4.6715 4.85 4.7715 4.80
Cash quotations were as follows:
Flour—Quiet,
Wheat—No. 3 spring fob 8466015; No. 2 red
fob 70.
Corn—No. 2, 2375; No. 2 yellow 3415.
Oats—No. 2, 271 672815; No. 2 white fob 81;
No. 3 white fob 2846730.
Rys—No. 2, 5345.
Farley—No. 2, 44651.
Flax 8660—No. 1, 89.
Timothy seed—Prime, 2,20672.35.
Mess prek—Per bbl., 7,9067.35.
Lard—Per 100 lbs, 4,35665.1715.
Short ribs sides—Loose, 4,5064.70.
Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 4,2564.3715.
Short clear sides—Boxed, 4,2564.3715.
Short clear sides—Boxed, 4,9064.95.
Whitky—Per gal., 1,26.
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Receipts. Shipments.
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Flour, barrels 28,000
Wheat, bushels 91,000
Corn, bushels 276,000
Oats, bushels 288,000
Rye, bushels 14,000

LOCAL TRADE REVIEW.

Coffice of The Post,
Houston, Friday, December 2.

In jobbing lines all is quiet. The opinion is that if the weather is favorable a good business will be done next week, as intrior tuyers are expected to avail themselves of the low rates to visit Houston and make necessary purchases.

Mears are moving very slowly and prices fluctuate but little.

Sugal is a very uncertain commodity. The report of the absorption of the Arbuckle and other independent refineries by the trust is not fully credited.

Fruits are in only moderate demand. How.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis, December 2.—Flour—Quiet, steady and unchanged, Wheat—Fractionally higher No. 2 red, crash, size 1000 per los, see wheat of 100 per los. 100 per los 100 per l

Grain and Provisions Elsewhere. New Orleans, December 2.—Hog products steady. Park—Standard mess, jobbing, 8.750; 9.00. Lard—Refined tierce, 5.75; pure 5.500; 5.62½. Boxed meats—Dry shoulders 4.872; dry said sides 5.25; bacon, clear ribs, sides, 6.12½-66.25; hams, choice sugar cured, 82,67; 415, Rice Ordinary to good 405. Flour—Rx fraggles, Rice Ordinary to good 405. Flour—Rx fraggles, 150. Bran, 65. Hay—Prime 10.00611.00; choice 12.00613,50. Corn—No. 2 sacked oid, 12; mixed 4164135; yellow 42; new 2e higher. Onts—No. 2 racked 32½-665.

New York, December 2.—Wheat—Receipts 305,000; exports 185,000; spot market steady: No. 2 red 70 f. o. b. affoat: options unchanged to %c net lower; December 73%; May 71%. Wool quiet. Cotton seed oil. crude, prime 17%318; prime yellow 21%22; pig iron quiet. Copper firm. Tin casier. Lead steady. Spelter dull.

Kansax City, December 2.—Wheat steady. No. 1 hard 636654; No. 2, 61%4634; No. 3, 506669; No. 2 red 67; No. 2 spring 61%383. Corn lower; No. 2 mixed 31851%. Oals lower; o. 2 white 289294. Rye lower; No. 2, 479474, Hay steady and unchanged. Receipts—Wheat 53,00; corn 21,400, oats 20,000. Shipments—Wheat 104,400, corn 7100; cats 5000.

HOUSTON WHOLESALE PRICES.

Quotations for Ruund Lote of Staple Commodities.

These quotations are revised daily, and their correctness can be relied upon. The prices are those ruling in Houston wholesale markets. HEAVY STAPLES.

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AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg. \$4.00@4.25: blasting powder, \$1.60 per keg. \$4.00@4.25: blasting powder, \$1.60 per keg. \$4.00@4.25: blasting powder, \$1.60.

BACON—Extra short clear, in sacks, 64: regulars, \$45: bexed. \$40 higher: smoked belies, 784.20: New York salt beliez, 84.00: New York salt beliez, 84.00

Dill.—Empire Mills. Houston: Davishigh pavent, new wheat, \$4.15; second
by Tidal Wave, \$4.15; See Fairy, \$1.85;
Nymph, \$1.65; See Jewel, \$2.20; See Peary,
rye Hour, \$1.70; pumpersicket, \$2.60,
all rates for shipments to interior points;
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n comb, 8610c; in 12-1b cans, extracted, 5140

RICE—Extra fancy head, 6064c; choice, 50 he: fair, 44,65c; fancy imported, 646654c. Ac. Series for 7-16; Sisal. 9c; Manila,

9%c. SALT-Liverpool coarse, 70875c; fine, 803 55c; Louisiara, coarse, 70c; fine, 90c; barrels, 28-10s, \$2.25; 50-78, \$2.30, 109-2s, \$2.50; 79-4s,

28-10s, \$2.25; 60-1c, \$2.20, 100-2s, \$2.50; 70-4s, \$2.45.

SALT FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10-1b kits, \$1.00\tilde{\text{pl.}}1.0; half barrels, \$9.50\tilde{\text{sc.}}7.00.

SARDINES—American quarters, \$2.80\tilde{\text{pl.}}2.55; mustard, three-quarters, \$2.85, imported Gillette grade, quarters, \$1.25; imported Gillette grade, quarters, \$1.50; fancy sprais, quarters, \$5.50.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40-1b boxes, \$1\tilde{\text{qc.}} \$2.80\tilde{\text{pl.}} \$2.80\tilde{\text

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS. APPLES Finey evaporated, 50-1b boxes, 9c; 1-1b cartons, 91c; choice evaporated, in bulk, 50-1b, 81c; fancy sliced, in 50-1b boxes,

APRICOTS-12e per lb loose; 1215c in 1-lb APRICOTS—12e per lb loose; 12te in 1-lb cartons.
CITRON—In 10-lb boxes, 13c.
CURRANTS—In bbls. 6c; 2s-lb boxes, cleaned, bulk. 75c; 1-lb cartons, 8c.
PEACHES—Evaporated, unperled, 105file.
RAISINS—California 3-crown L. L. boxes, 51.60; ½ box L. L. raisins, 604fb5c; 2-crown L. M. raisins, 50-lb boxes, 5c; 8-crown L. M. raisins, 50-lb boxes, 6c; PRUNES—California, 50-60s, 9c; 60-70s, 7c; 70-80s, 604c; 80-90s, 6c; 30-100s, 4245545; NUTS—Brazil, 10c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 10c; Nuples, 123gc; walnuts, 11612c; peanuts, 566c; almonds, Taragona, 16c per lb in sacks; pecans, 467c; Italian chestnuts, 10c per lb.

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. CANNED FRUITS—Apples, 3-1b, 89@85c, pineapples, 2-1b, eycless and corcless, \$1.50@1.50; 2-1b extra grated, \$1.80@1.85; 2-1b standard sliced, \$1.20; pears, 2-1b standard, 90c; blackberries, 2-1b standard, 55c; ple fruit, 2-1b, assorted, 76c; peaches, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.15; 2-1b, light weight, \$1.00; ple peaches, 3-1b, 85c.

lb, assorted, 79c; peaches, 2-16, full weight, \$1.15; 2-1b, light weight, \$1.00; ple peaches, 3-1b, 85c.

CANNED VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, 3-1b, full weight, \$56;50c; okra and tomatoes, 2-1b, 90c; lima beans, 2-1b, full weight, 85c; 2-1b, full weight, 85c; A No. 1 stringless beans, 2-1b, full weight, 95c; A No. 1 stringless beans, 2-1b, full weight, 90c; marrowfat peas, 2-1b, full weight, 90c; marrowfat peas, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.5c; red kidney beans, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.5c; aranged peas, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.0c; and peas, falce, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.0c; corn, Aularia Cream, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.00; corn, Aularia Cream, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.00; corn, Aularia Cream, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.00; full weight, \$1.00; corn, Aularia Cream, 2-1b, full weight, \$1.00; 10c; Aularia Cream, 2-1b, Supplied, \$1.00; and \$1.50; an

PRUITS.

APPLES—Per barrel, \$1.00@4.25; California, \$1.50 per box; famcy Oregone, \$1.75 per box. BANANAS—Per bunch, \$1.76#2.00, packed; loose, \$1.50@1.75.

COCOANUTS—Per hundred, \$4.00, LEMONS—Choice, \$4.00@4.50; fancy, \$5.00@

GRAIN AND HAY.

Carload lots, job cars, from millers; dealers charge from store 50:10c more per 100 ibs on bran, 20:3c por bushel on oats and corn, and 10% lie per 100 ibs on hay.

BRAN-73c: corn bran, 60c per 100 ibs.

CHOPPED CORN-73c per 100 ibs.

CORN-No. 2 sacked, 38:23% per bu.

OATS-Texas, 25:3-63.3c per bu.

WHEAT-SHORTS-70c per 100 ibs.

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11.00014.00; South Texas prairie hay, 31.50% 6.00; North Texas, 32.00% 10.00.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS-Meal and cake, \$16.50% 18.50 per ton; hulls, \$4.50% 5.56 per ton. GRAIN AND HAY.

per ton. SORGHUM SEED-\$1.15@1.20 per bu. COFFEE.

New Orleans, December 2.—Coffee—Ordinary of fair Rio, 675-688%.

New York, December 2.—Coffee—Options uset unchanged to 5 points lower; sales 5600 ags. Spot Rio steady; No. 7, invoice 67a, bbing 67a; mild steady; Cordova 84715; modrate jobbing trade. COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

Satan's Little Joke, Baltimare American.

Satan smiled grimly.
"You say you died before you had a hance to pay your election bet?" be in-Yes," responded the fatest arrival, "ar

"Yes," responded the latest arrival, "and I'm all broken up because of that fact. You see it was such a grand opportunity to become notorious. I'm sure the newscapers would have printed columns of harsh words about me."

"And what." inquired the comptroller of the cloven hoof, "what was the nature of the wager you expected to pay?"

"I had to scored on a bleycle up and down the sisles," responded the amateur punishment receiver, "and make faces at the preacher during the entire church service."

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"Oh, well, don't distress yourself," and the connoissant of hot coals, reassuringly, "after you have storched in one of the lowest depths for a time I'm sure you will make a pleneitude of faces, and, although we are somewhat shy on newspapers here, I will see to at personally that you are properly roasted."

Again Satan smiled grimly.

Chicago Record.

In her heart love and duty strove for the mastery and duty won.

"No man shall wed me," she exclaimed, with suffused eyes and quivering lips, "who does not promise me that if he is ever proclient of the United States he will use his influence to have battleships christened with water!"

Such was the arder of his passion that Aimernon hesitated not a moment.

"I premise," he cried and fell upon his knees.

For the Sake of Variety. ger-Do you live in this part of the

Native—Yes, air.
Stranger—Can you direct me to the big garbage dump that's somewhere about here? Great Scott! What do you want WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS Fancy B

Bradstreet's and Dun Review the Condition of Trade in the Country.

A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FAILURES

Dun Regards This Feature as Enconruging, and Bradstreet's Pre-

New York, December 2.-R. G. Dun Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: The report of failures for the month of November is extremely gratifyng because it shows not only a decrease in number and a smaller amount of liabilities than in any other month except the three summer months, since the monthly record began, but because careful analysis shows a striking improvement both in the small and in the large failures, and in nearly all classes of industry and trades.

Considering that the fattures are usually smaller in summer months than in November the monthly returns may be considered about the best ever made and shows a condition of fanancial soundness rarely surpassed.

Nobody can estimate the gain for the iron and steel industries which will cesult from ane past week's transactions in steel rails, which are said to exceed 700,000 tons. Finished products of iron and steel are unchanged in price, although plates and bars are in remarkably heavy demand.

Sales of wool have been large in November-29,875,800 pounds in five weeks, against 34,122,400 last year-but they have been effected by important concessions to price. Manufacturers have somewhat larger orders and are more hopeful, but a consid-erable share of the machinery must inevitably remain idle until the material

tably remain idle until the material to cheaper in comparison with the cost of wool and goods in owner countries.

The rise of cotton to 5.62 cents, which had no other basis than an impression that cold weather and storms late in November might do much harm, reacted 1-15, but rose Friday and closed at the top price with imperious companying a withdrawal of companying a withdrawal of the London market and become sellers of our contributions of the companying a withdrawal of the companying a w

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Which in the same time corn exports have been 14,400,283 bushels, against 12,881,332 leans Live Stock exchange respective for the london market and eight special was credited with being to lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special was credited with being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special bein the London market and eight special bein the London market and eight special bein the London market and eight special was credited with being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special being the lime and become sellers of in the London market and eight special being the lime and become sellers of in the london market and eight special being the lime and become eight special in the london market and eight special being the lime and

been 14.400,283 busbels, against 12.881,532 last year, and the price has risen 1-4c. It is a most significant fact which all interested may keep well in mind that the exports of wheat about equal the greatest ever known in any corresponding year thus far, and are accompanied by corn exports also but slightly exceeded in the year of greatest movement hereiotops. greatest movement heretofore.

The possibility that foreign dependence

on American food supplies is permanently increasing has been worth considering. Failures for the week have been 281 in the United States, against 306 last year, and 19 in Canada, against 28 last year.

APPLES-Per barrel, \$1.094.75; California, \$1.69 per box; fancy Oregons, \$1.75 per box. BANANAS-Per bunch, \$1.750F.200, backed; loose, \$1.5061.75.
COCOANUTS-Per hundred, \$4.00.
LEMONS-Choice, \$1.00674.50; fancy, \$5.000
5.50.
ORANGES-Louisiana, \$4.00.
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A Good Outlook is Claimed, Based on Present Prospects.
New York December 2.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The business world enters on the closing month of the year with so many favorable and so faw depressing features in eight as to leave little doubt that the year 1898 as a whole must hereat ter furnish the basis for estimates when comparisons of large bysiness are to be made to Jones county; W. A. So many favorable and so faw depressing features in eight as to leave little doubt that the year 1898 as a whole must hereat ter furnish the basis for estimates when comparisons of large bysiness are to be made to Jones county; Will smith the year with so many favorable and so faw depressing features in eight as to leave little doubt that the year 1898 as a whole must hereat ter furnish the basis for estimates when comparisons of large bysiness are to be made. Nearly all obtainable statistics and reports as to the volume of business point in the present prospects. made. Nearly all obtainable statistics and reports as to the volume of business point to the present year having heavily exceeded any former year in the amount of business done and though comparisons as regards prices are not so favorable as in early years, notably 1892 and 1896, when quotations of most staples were considerably higher, still the expansion in trade due to increased population and enlarged foreign demand for our products has resulted in an aggregate volume of business quotations of most staples were consider-ably higher, still the expansion in trade due to increased population and enlarged foreign demand for our products has re-sulted in an aggregate volume of business done considerably in excess of any former year.

In the general business world the leading event of the week has undoubtedly been the placing of very large orders, estimated at between 500,000 and 700,000 tons of steel rails, more than one-quarter of the entire country's annual production at prices which, if not entirely satisfactory to the competing rail mails, are emcouraging. Nominal prices of steel rails show little change from those ruling some time ago, but questions for Bessence from the many of them wholly false. change from those ruling some time ago, but quotations for Bessemer iron and steel billets reflect the stimulating influence of the removal of the uncertainty regarding the placing of this large volume of rall business.

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Foreign demand for our food products has continued an encouraging feature of the careal situation and wheat prices particularly are a little lower on the week, notwithstanding very heavy farmers' deliveries and increasing domestic stocks. Experts this week are the largest ever reported.

Corn and outs appear to have temporarily parted company from wheat and are higher on the week on improved speculative buying and enlarged export trade. The ocean freights situation is slightly easier and the supply of townage shows some enlargement. The price situation generally outnumber declines. The early prival of make smaller cotton crop estimates more popular and enlarged speculative and spot purchases have hispoch prices for the stand.

The advent of winter weather has tended to reduce the demard for building lumber, which in some markets was depressed during the summer because of the inactivity in building. A rather better tone is, however, row reported and the opening of the new year is awasted with confidence. Recent advances in prices of pize and spruce lumber are well maintained, stocks in dealers' hands are not at all heavy and advices, both from the yellow pine and cypress producing sections of the South and the white pine markets of the North and Northwest, are that a heavy output has been as a rule satisfactorily handled.

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During the Week.

New York, December 2.—Bradstreet's
Financial Review tomorrow will say: More

than the customery amount of attention has been paid this week to foreign influences and speculation, white displaying builtish tendeucies, has been more or less irreg-ular in its actual course. The local proular in its actual course. The local pro-fessional element has been ranged on the build side, in anticipation of an agree-ment by the Spanish commissioners to the American peace conditions. The realization of this belief on last Monday found traders generally disposed to take profits and to work for a reasilon. London, however, was a arree purchaser of our stocks and sup-port from that quarter checked the reces-sion in prices. On Webersday, bowever, the taking of \$1,000,000 gold from the Bank of England for shipment to New York, ac-

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